

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated near my name below.

I believe I am the **original, first and sole inventor** of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SOAKING AND
DRAINING WOOD CHIPS OR CHUNKS**

which is described and claimed in the specification of which:

 X is filed herewith; attorney docket number **68161-014**.

I declare that this application is:

 X a first filing.

 a continuation.

 a continuation-in-part.

 a divisional.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I do not know and do not believe my invention was known or used by others in the United States of America, or patented or described in a printed publication in any country before my invention thereof.

I do not know and do not believe my invention was patented or described in a printed publication in any country or in public use or on sale in the United States of America, more than one year prior to this application.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any foreign country or in the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns except as follows:

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of the foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

X no such applications have been filed.

___ such applications have been filed as follows:

I hereby claim priority to and all the benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s).

___ no such applications have been filed.

X such applications have been filed as follows:

<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE OF FILING (month, day, year)</u>
60/552476	March 12, 2004
60/529426	December 12, 2003
60/531488	December 19, 2003
60/482381	June 25, 2003
60/466023	April 25, 2003

I hereby claim priority to and all the benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below. If the above identified application is a continuation-in-part application, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this continuation-in-part application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.63(e).

 X no such applications have been filed.

 such applications have been filed as follows:

POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith with full power of substitution and revocation. (all names listed with corresponding registration numbers)

Customer No. 27305


Please address all correspondence and telephone calls to:

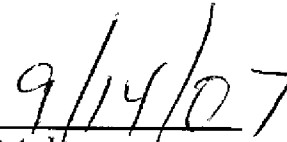
**Jeffrey A. Sadowski
HOWARD & HOWARD ATTORNEYS, P.C.
39400 Woodward Avenue
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304-5151
(248) 645-1483**

H&H Docket No.: 68,161-014

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


Name: **John C. Martin**


Dated

Address: 1131 Lyonhurst
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

Post Office: Same

Citizenship: United States